

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/23/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9-17, 28-31, and 38-51.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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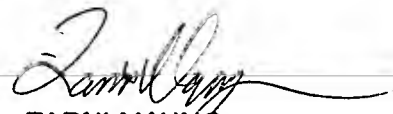
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Aker (Reg.# 29,277) on February 23, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claim 1

1. (currently amended) A method of selectively displaying a markup language form element on a Web page when an object is available to a Web server, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) associating the markup language form element with the object;

(b) reading a configuration file to determine whether the object is available to the Web server;

(c) generating a markup language document that includes the markup language form element if the object is available to the Web server and a disabled markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server; and

(d) displaying the markup language form element on the Web page if the markup language document contains the markup language form element.

Claim 8

Please cancel claim 8.

Claim 9

9. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer readable code thereon for causing a networked computer to perform all the steps of the method ~~program comprising means adapted to perform all the steps of claim 1 when said program is run on a networked computer.~~

Claim 10

10. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer readable code thereon for causing a computer to perform all the steps of the method ~~program as claimed in claim 1~~ ~~9 embodied on a computer readable medium.~~

Claim 11

11. (currently amended) A program product stored on a computer readable medium for generating a markup language document for display on a Web page when an object is available to a Web server, said program product comprising:

(a) means for associating the markup language form element with the object;

(b) means for reading a configuration file to determine whether the object is available to the Web server;

(c) means for generating a markup language document that includes the markup language form element if the object is available to the Web server and a disabled markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server; and

(d) means for displaying the markup language form element on the Web page if the markup language document contains the markup language form element.

Claim 18

Please cancel claim 18.

Claim 28

28. (currently amended) A computer system for selectively displaying a markup language form element on a Web page when an associated object is available to a Web server, said computer system comprising:

(a) a server for generating a markup language document, said server comprising:

(i) storage means for storing a configuration file having a value representing whether the object is available to the Web server;

(ii) a first processing means coupled to said storage means for:

(A) determining whether the object is available to the Web server;

(B) generating a markup language document that includes the markup language form element if the object is available to the Web server and a disabled markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server;

(b) a communications network coupled to said server; and

(c) a second processing means coupled to said server through said communications network, said second processing means for reading and displaying the markup language document.

Claim 32

Please cancel claim 32.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7, 9-17, 28-31, and 38-51 are allowed.
5. This communication warrants no examiner's reason for allowance, as applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104 (e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks filed on January 23, 2006 with respect to the amended claim limitations point out the reason claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record and no statement for examiner's reason for allowance is necessary (see MPEP 13202.14).
6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4067. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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